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Hyde School Looks To Bright Future

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BATH — The graduation exercises last weekend for the first class of students from Hyde School climaxed a year of growing pains for the fledgling independent secondary school.

The school, just a vision a year ago this month, reached capacity enrollment by last fall and expansion is already under way.

Excavation equipment could be heard in the background as the ceremonies ended, beginning construction of a new 40-student dormitory which will nearly double the present 56-student boarding enrollment.

T. TARPY SCHULTEN, president of the Board of Trustees, told students, parents and guests that the initial year of the new institution "was a memorable one for all concerned."

"It was a year of great success and accomplishment — success measured by full enrollment, outstanding athletics, competent and increasing faculty members and a self imposed honor system."

"We have lived up to our five pillars of Hyde philosophy," Schulten declared, "courage, integrity, leadership, curiosity and concern."

He said the school grew out of a vision by Headmaster Joseph W. Gauld, "but increasingly a vision and practical reality by the trustees as well."

Schulten recalled that when the school opened for the summer session last June, it still did not even have title to the property, the former Hyde mansion long used by the Pine Tree Society.

"WE OPERATED on a hope and a prayer, and as we all can attest, hope and a prayer that became manifest as the Hyde School we know today."

The 11 graduates and their parents were told Hyde is an institution that "has weathered the storms of inception."

Schulten praised the student body for contributing to this success.

"Through your efforts and in particular your achievements as measured by College Board examination, Hyde School has been given a stability that will help us build the future," he said.

The addition now under construction brings the total boarding capacity of the school to 99 students and makes possible three more faculty members.

The school also takes in day students from area communities.

Eventual goal is a student body of 250 within the next decade, according to Schulten.

IN ADDITION to the resident faculty the school uses persons with special knowledge in the community to assist with the instruction.

Cooperating closely with the school has been the faculty of Bowdoin College in Brunswick. The school specializes in the humanities.

All 11 members of the first class were accepted at four-year institutions.

Hyde School was fostered by the Bath Economic Development Coordinating Committee and the efforts of its former chairman, Leonard Mulligan.

Prospective CO Named For New Ship At Bath

BATH — Cmdr. Milton J. Schultz Jr., USN, of Salina, Kan., is the prospective commanding officer of the Richard L. Page (DEG-5) presently under construction at the Bath Iron Works Corp.

The Page, a guided missile escort ship, was launched April 4, 1966, and has returned this week from initial sea trials.

The ship will be delivered to the Navy at the Boston Naval Shipyard this summer.

Commander Schultz will formally assume his command at that time.

As prospective commanding officer, Cmdr. Schultz administers the training of the nucleus crew. The weeks before delivery are taken up with learning the ship's construction, and administrative organization.

Cmdr. Schultz is married to the former Mary J. Strowig of Victorville, Calif. Mrs. Schultz lives with their five children in Newport, R.I., future home port of the Page.



Commander Schultz

Bath he served as executive officer of the USS England, and on several other naval vessels.